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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-668)

PATENT

In re Application of: Welcher et al.)

Serial No.: 09/729,264)

Filed: November 28, 2000)

For: B7-Like Molecules and
Uses Thereof)

Before the Examiner: B. Whiteman

Group Art Unit: 1633

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 17, 2001

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed July 17, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising:
- (a) the nucleotide sequence as set forth in any of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 3, or SEQ ID NO: 5;
 - (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide as set forth in any of SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, or SEQ ID NO: 6;
 - (c) a nucleotide sequence which hybridizes under at least moderately stringent conditions to the complement of the nucleotide sequence of either (a) or (b), wherein the encoded polypeptide has an activity of the polypeptide as set forth in any of SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, or SEQ ID NO: 6;